

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 21-25 and 54-58 are pending in the application. Favorable consideration of the application is requested.

Claims 21-25 and 54-58 stand rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting in view of claims 1-2 and 7-9 of US Patent 6365644. In response and without agreeing with the double patenting contention, applicant is concurrently filing herewith Terminal Disclaimers. The Terminal Disclaimers render the rejection moot.

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In view of the foregoing remarks and the concurrently filed Terminal Disclaimers, application submits that this application is in condition for allowance. A notice that effect is earnestly solicited.

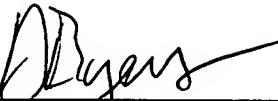
If the Examiner has any questions concerning this case, then the undersigned may be contacted at 703-816-4009.

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